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 M. A. A'HEARN et al.) Art Unit: 3745
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 DURING REGENERATION)
 Attorney Docket No. 99-120.4)

Peoria, Illinois 61629-6490

February 20, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application under 37 CFR 1.114,
 please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1, shown in clean-copy format, as follows:

Sub E1 1. (Thrice Amended) A fluid system having a single source of pressurized supply fluid
 that receives fluid from a reservoir and being operable to control multiple loads, the fluid
 system comprising:

a first fluid circuit connected to the single source of pressurized supply fluid
 and having a first directional control valve connected to a first fluid cylinder having head end
 and rod end ports, the first directional control valve having a supply inlet port connected to



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Message:

Dear Examiner Look,

I am attaching a preliminary amendment which was previously submitted for you to consider under 37 CFR 1.116 filed on October 4, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,


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